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Two days later, I heard someone yelling at our receptionist, "Is this some kind of joke?" When the customer threw his bill upon the desk, I saw his point. The note was, "Coming Soon! New Larger Bills!"

It was the first camping experience for Paul. As soon as he had pitched his tent, he went for a hike in the woods. In about fifteen minutes he rushed back into camp, bleeding and disheveled.

"What happened?" asked a fellow camper.

"I was chased by a black snake!" cried the frightened Paul. The camper laughed and retorted, "A black snake isn't deadly."

"Listen," groaned Paul, "if he can make you jump off a fifty-foot cliff, he is!"

Our Lamaze class included a tour of the pediatric wing of the hospital. When a new baby was brought into the nursery, all the women tried to guess its weight, but the guy standing next to me was the only male to venture a number.

"Looks like 9 pounds," he offered confidently.

"This must not be your first," I said.

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Because of my fluency in American Sign Language, I was hired to be a Santa Claus at the mall. My employer wanted to provide hearing impaired children with a Santa who could communicate with them.

I sat for hours, performing for the children who came to visit. But none of them was deaf. Then, two girls approached shyly. One explained that her sister was deaf and could not speak.

"What is your name?" I signed slowly.

"J-A-S-M-I-N-E," she replied with her fingers, grinning from ear to ear.

I was bubbling over with pride when I absent-mindedly signed, "My name is H-E-N-R-Y, nice to meet you."

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Coffee Perks Jokes

When the patient was wheeled into the delivery room, she told me, "I remember you from the last time I gave birth."

I was thrilled, especially since it had been a few years. "Do you really remember me?" I asked, milking it.

"Yes. You're the nurse who ate all my candy."

As a 30-year-old kindergarten teacher was talking to the children seated on the floor around her, she absentmindedly removed her glasses to clean them.

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One year at Christmas, Mom went to my sister's house for the traditional feast.

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When my sister left, Mom took the turkey out of the oven, removed the stuffing, stuffed a Cornish hen, and inserted it into the turkey, then re-stuffed the turkey. She placed the bird(s) back in the oven.

When it was time for dinner, my sister pulled the turkey out of the oven and proceeded to remove the stuffing. When her serving spoon hit something, she reached in and pulled out the little bird. With a look of total shock on her face, Mother exclaimed, "Patricia, you've cooked a pregnant bird!"

At the reality of this horrifying news, my sister started to cry. It took the family two hours to convince her that turkeys lay eggs.

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"We don't have any canaries, but we have these," the owner said, as he showed the lady some pale green parakeets.

"That's not what I'm looking for," the lady stated.

But the pet store owner refused to give up. He said, "Just think of them as yellow canaries that aren't quite ripe yet."

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I worked in the biology department at Buffalo State College in New York. The Great Lakes Laboratory, also stationed at the college, employed a licensed boat captain to man its research vessel. It was common knowledge that the captain couldn't swim. When newcomers learned of this, they would approach him about it.

"Is it true?" one of them asked incredulously. "You, a boat captain, can't swim?"

"No, I can't," he replied. "Can pilots fly?"



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A man absolutely hated his wife's cat and decided to get rid of the animal one day by driving him 20 blocks from his home and leaving him at the park. As he was getting home, the cat was walking up the driveway.

The next day he decided to drive the cat 40 blocks away. He put the beast out and headed home. Driving back up his driveway, there was the cat!

The man kept taking the cat further and further and the cat would always beat him home. At last he decided to drive a few miles away, turn right, then left, past the bridge, then right again and another right until he reached what he thought was a safe distance from his home and left the cat there.

Hours later the man calls home to his wife: "Jen, is the cat there?"

"Yes," the wife answers, "why do you ask?"

Frustrated, the man answered, "Put him on the phone, I'm lost and need directions."

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Impressed, Mike came over to take a look. "Let's see... mortgage \$550.00, electricity \$70.50, phone \$35.00." His brow wrinkled as he read the last entry. "It says here ESP, \$615. What the heck is that?"

"Oh," she said, "That means, Error Some Place!"

A man entered a stationery store and asked the clerk for a birthday/anniversary card.

The clerk replied, "We have birthday cards and we have anniversary cards. Why not take one of each?"

The man said, "You don't understand. I need a card that covers *both* events! You see, we're celebrating the fifth anniversary of my wife's thirty-fourth birthday..."



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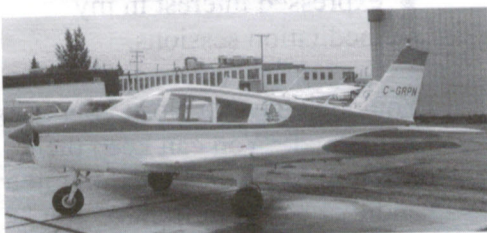
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The customer carefully replied, "V-I-S-A."

During my shift as a customer-service agent at Detroit Metro Airport, I was approached by a weeping woman who was so upset that I thought maybe she'd missed a connection or lost a child.

"I left my book on the plane!" she said frantically.

I assumed this had to be a rare first edition of some kind. "Okay," I said. "Just tell me the title of the book."

"It's called 'Don't Sweat the Small Stuff ... and It's All Small Stuff,'" she replied through her tears.



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Dad wasn't sold: "Unless you're including a periscope with my casket, I don't know how I'm going to enjoy it."

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The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my E-mail?"

I decided to grab a burger at a drive-thru. There were no cars in sight, so I rolled right up to the pay window.

"We're still serving breakfast. And you have to order at the speaker," the clerk scolded.

I drove all the way around the building to the squawk box and ordered a breakfast sandwich. "I'm sorry," she said, "we are now serving lunch."

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The conference emcee announced, "Next we have the chief of the Minnesota State Patrol, Roger Ledding, who is here with his lovely wife, Beverly."

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He nodded thoughtfully. "Could it be a TV?"